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SUBJECT: ROK AID TO VIETNAMESE

1. ROK PRESS MARCH 30 REPORTED THAT ROKG IS CONSIDERING AID TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. TONGYANG DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON SAID AID PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER HAD ANNOUNCED MARCH 28 THAT SOUTH KOREA AGREED TO SEND SHIPPING TO VIET-NAM AS PART OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO VIETNAMESE APPEAL FOR AID FOR REFUGEES. ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE NOTED THAT ACTING FONMIN LHO HAD CONFIRMED THAT ROKG IS SINDIDER-ING PLANS TO AID REFUGEES BUT HAD SAID THAT NO OFFICIAL DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE.

2. PRESS MARCH 31 REPORTED THAT ROKG HAS DECIDED TO GIVE MEDICAL AID TO VIET-MAN AND THAT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE SOON. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MINISTRIES CONCERNED ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON QUESTIONS OF COMPOSITION AND DELIVERY OF AID, WHICH WILL REPORTEDLY TOTAL \$2 MILLION. CITING MOFA SOURCES, PRESS SAID USG IN RUTURN WILL DISCLAIM ABOUT \$4 MILLION EXTENDED TO ROK IN LONG-TERM USAID LOAN. ERICSON

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